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SUBJECT: SUMMER SCHOOL

The School District may provide summer school in any given year, but is not required to do so. Summer school is an additional opportunity to meet the needs of students by providing courses for enrichment, acceleration, and improvement of skills or making up course work from the regular school year.

Summer School Program Requirements**Summer Elementary School**

A summer elementary school shall provide an elementary school program during the months of July and August of at least twenty (20) hours of instruction. Daily instructional sessions must be provided of at least one (1) hour but not more than five (5) hours.

Summer Secondary School

Summer secondary school shall provide a secondary school program during the months of July and August of at least twenty (20) hours of instruction, exclusive of days used for registration, final examinations or Regents examinations. Daily instructional sessions must be provided of at least one (1) hour but not more than five and one half (5 1/2) hours.

Resident Students - Public, Nonpublic and Home Schooled

When the School District operates a summer school or participates in a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) regional summer school, all resident students, including public, nonpublic, and home-schooled students, are entitled to attend the District's summer school program. For the purpose of summer school instruction, a resident nonpublic school student is not considered to be an enrollee of the nonpublic school. The School District cannot charge resident students fees for any part of the District's program offered to meet high school diploma requirements. However, students must meet any academic requirements for a particular course.

Nonresident Students

When the District operates a summer school or participates in a BOCES regional summer school, the District decides whether or not it will accept nonresident students. The District must treat all nonresident applicants equally and may charge tuition calculated in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations Section 174.2.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are entitled to attend summer school on the same basis as their nondisabled peers. Students who qualify under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are entitled to those accommodations deemed necessary to ensure access to all public school programs and activities. If a student with a disability requires accommodations to participate in a summer school program, the District is required to provide necessary supports and services, including testing accommodations.

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Students with disabilities receive extended school year programs and services if the Committee on Special Education (CSE) determines for particular students that the programs and services are required to prevent substantial regression during July and August.

Attendance

Part 104 of Commissioner's Regulations pertaining to attendance applies to all students enrolled in scheduled instruction during the school year from July 1 through June 30, including summer school. The School District must use the same Board-approved attendance policy for summer school that is used during the regular school year. Summer school attendance requirements are based on a pro-ration of the regular year attendance requirements.

Minimum Attendance for Course Credit

Commissioner's Regulations Section 104.1 specifically authorizes school districts to adopt minimum attendance requirements, which distinguish between excused and unexcused student absences for the purpose of awarding course credit. Such policies may provide that a properly excused student absence does not count as an absence for the purpose of determining course credit eligibility if the student has performed any assigned make-up work. Minimum attendance requirements for the purpose of awarding course credit will be in accordance with the District's Comprehensive Student attendance policy as may be applicable.

Recognition of Earned Credit

All New York State registered high schools must grant transfer credit for all credit awarded by any public or nonpublic registered New York State high school. After consultation with relevant faculty, the High School Principal may also grant transfer credit for work done at institutions other than New York State registered high schools upon determining that the work is consistent with New York State learning standards and was comparable in scope and quality to the work done in the District high school(s).

Contracting for Instruction

The School District may contract for summer school instruction with another school district or with a BOCES. These courses must be provided at no cost to resident students. No contracts or agreements regarding the provision of elementary, middle or secondary level instruction may be made with any other entity.

[Education Law Sections 807, 917, 1950, 2040, 3602\(1\)\(g\), 3602\(39\), and 4402\(2\)\(a\)](#)

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Parts 104, 110, and 112 and Sections 100.5(d)(5)(i), and 136.4

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